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REMEDIAL SITE ASSESSMENT DECISION - EPA REGION 3

Site Name: Saint Elizabeth's Hospital

EPA ID#: DC9751305997

DSN: DC-014

Alias Site Names: _____

City: Washington DC

County: Washington DC

State: DC

Refer to Report Dated: _____

Report type: _____

Report developed by: _____

ORIGINAL
(Red)

DECISION:

1. Further Remedial Site Assessment under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:

1a. Site does not qualify for further remedial site assessment under CERCLA
(No Further Remedial Action Planned – NFRAP)

1b. Site may qualify for further action, but is deferred to: RCRA
NRC

2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA: 2a. (optional) Priority: Higher Lower

2b. Activity Type: PA SI ESI Other: _____
HRS evaluation

DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:

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Since the Civil War, Saint Elizabeth's Hospital (SEH) site began operation as a federally owned and operated mental institution. A 20-acre parcel of the SEH's facility was a permitted landfill to dispose of storm sewer cleaning, street sweepings, road construction debris (milled asphalt), and incinerator (fly) ash as fill material. The District of Columbia Department of Public Works mixed fly ash with heavy metals and disposed of these waste on the SEH's permitted landfill. SEH was later sold to the District of Columbia.

EPA recognized DC Health Department as the regulatory oversight. EPA encourages DC Health Department and local environmental agencies to asserted their regulatory oversight, because the groundwater does not reach a federal threshold. The DC Health Department will reevaluate any documented observed release of hazardous waste to the surface water/ well water or the significant increase of groundwater users within a half mile & one mile. As result of this reevaluation, DC Health Department will weigh the merit of further assessment or future cleanup activities. Based on the DC Health Department oversight of the WMATA area cleanup, the onsite observed release to actual soil contamination below the Risk Based Screening Levels, the partial attribution for soil contamination, the prior DC regulatory involvement, the DC's capability to assess the future site conditions, the January 1998's site condition and the June 1997 score (51.29), EPA assigns a Low qualifier to this site.

Report Reviewed/Approved and Site Decision Made By: James J. Hargett Jr
Site Assessment Manager

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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